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Application No. 09/656,325
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Before Deborah L. Perry, Supervisory Paralegal Specialist, Review Team.

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 21, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

EXAMINER'S ANSWER

On June 11, 2009, the Examiner mailed a Miscellaneous Communication withdrawing the Examiner's Answer mailed February 9, 2009, and the Supplemental Examiner's Answer mailed April 23, 2009. A new Examiner's Answer is required to replace these withdrawn communications.

EXAMINER'S CONSIDERATION OF REPLY BRIEF

A Reply Brief was filed in this application on April 9, 2009. There is no evidence on the record indicating that the Examiner has considered the Reply Brief in accordance with 37 CFR § 41.43(a)(1) and MPEP § 1208, part II.

PETITIONS

Appellant(s) filed petitions dated May 29, 2008, and April 9, 2009. There is no indication on the record that the Examiner has considered the above petitions.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) mail an Examiner's Answer;
- 2) consider the Reply Brief filed April 9, 2009, as indicated above;

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3) consider the petitions filed May 29, 2008, and April 9, 2009, as required; and

4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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